

Late Backup

AFFORDABILITY IMPACTS AND CODE ADOPTION JUNE 8 2017

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On April 20, 2000, the City Council adopted the following requirement in Council resolution 040115-44:

No City department may propose an ordinance, rule or process that impacts housing affordability unless NHCD has prepared and Affordability impact Statement for the proposed regulation prior to the initiation of external stakeholder discussion. If the Affordability Impact Statement shows a negative impact on housing affordability, the proposed change may only go forward upon approval by the City Manager. City boards, commissions, and subcommittees may only offer recommendations to the City Council on issues affecting housing affordability after NHCD has prepared the Affordability Impact Statement.

Ordinance 20071129-100 adopted this language as an ordinance.

The backup for today's agenda for Items 56 and 60 demonstrate that the law was not followed.

On March 1, 2016, I asked the Mechanical, Plumbing and Solar Board to recommend to Council what State law has allowed since the International Codes were first published 20 years:

Mechanical and plumbing installations can comply with either the International or Uniform codes.

Please allow property owners, design teams, general contractors and their licensed subcontractors to choose either code as State law allows. Please direct City staff to follow the resolutions and ordinances you and your predecessors have adopted.

Please reject the staff recommendation to adopt the 2015 Uniform Mechanical Code only. Please recognize the 2015 International Mechanical Code as equivalent compliance for multi-family and commercial development.